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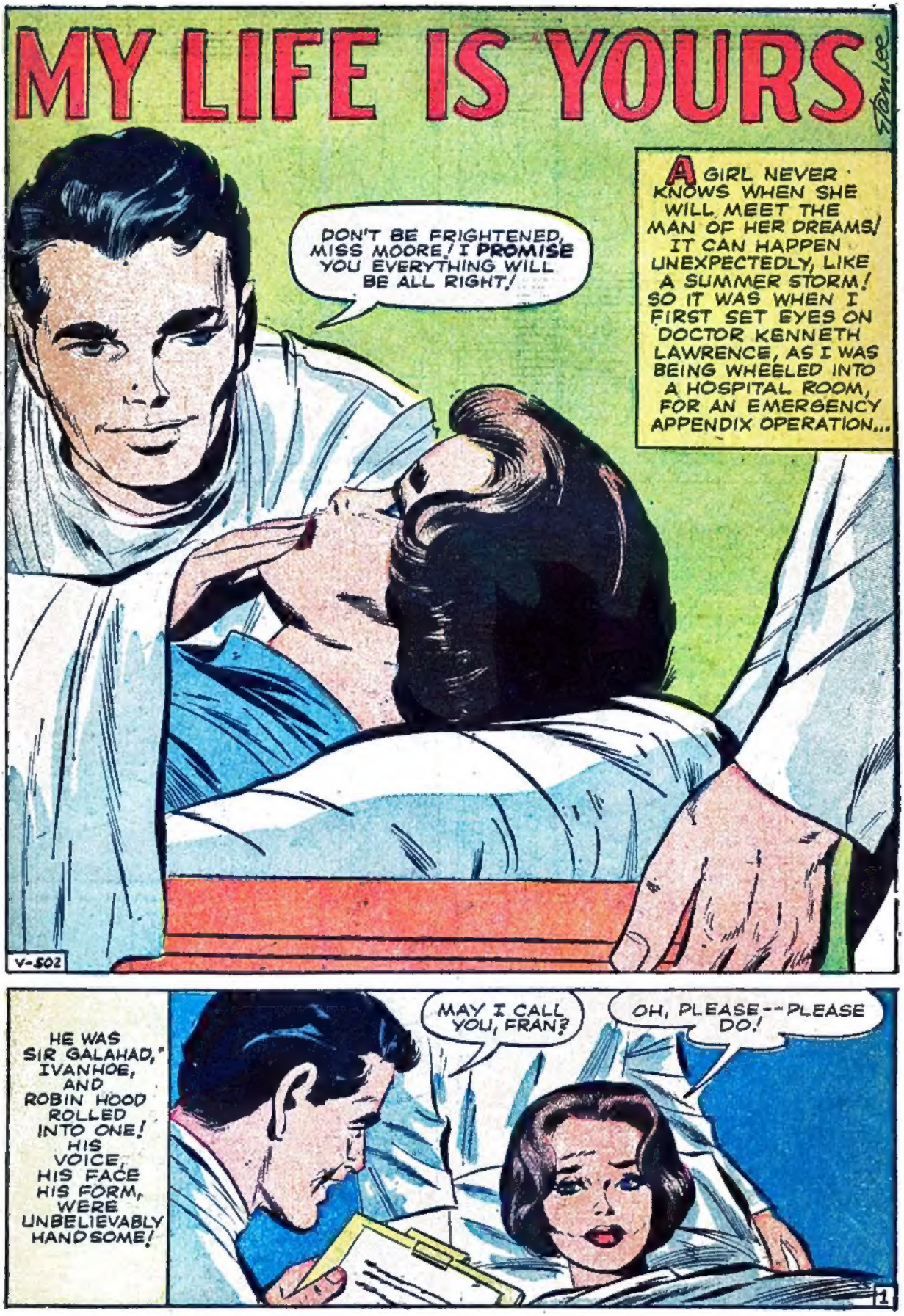
MY LIFE IS YOURS
Stan Lee
A GIRL NEVER KNOWS WHEN SHE WILL MEET THE MAN OF HER DREAMS! IT CAN HAPPEN UNEXPECTEDLY, LIKE A SUMMER STORM! SO IT WAS WHEN I FIRST SET EYES ON DOCTOR KENNETH LAWRENCE, AS I WAS BEING WHEELED INTO A HOSPITAL ROOM, FOR AN EMERGENCY APPENDIX OPERATION...
DON'T BE FRIGHTENED, MISS MOORE! I PROMISE YOU EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT!
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HE WAS SIR GALAHAD," IVANHOE, AND ROBIN HOOD ROLLED INTO ONE! HIS VOICE, HIS FACE HIS FORM, WERE UNBELIEVABLY HANDSOME!
MAY I CALL YOU, FRAN?
OH, PLEASE--PLEASE DO!
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THIS IS MY FIRST OPERATION-- AND I'M TERRIFIED!
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, MY DEAR! IT'S PERFECTLY NATURAL!
YOU...YOU REALLY MEAN IT?
AS HIS STRONG, YET INCREDIBLY TENDER FINGERS HELD MINE, THE FEAR, THE APPREHENSION VANISHED LIKE A FLAME IN A BREEZE!
STRANGE... SOMEHOW I'M NOT AFRAID ANY MORE!
IT WAS SO ROMANTIC, I COULD HARDLY BEAR IT! I HAD NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE TODAY AND YET, THERE HE WAS, SOOTHING MY FEARS, ACTUALLY HOLDING MY LIFE IN HIS HANDS!
YOU WILL PERFORM THE OPERATION, WON'T YOU, DOCTOR?
YES, FRAN! I WILL DO THE SURGERY!
WELL THEN, I JUST COULDN'T BE AFRAID!
I'M GLAD YOU FEEL THAT WAY, MY DEAR! NOW YOU MUST REST UNTIL THE OPERATING ROOM IS READY! AND, REMEMBER ...I'LL BE WITH YOU... ALL THE TIME!
REMEMBER? I-I'LL NEVER FORGET...
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MY ADORING EYES FOLLOWED HIM AS HE LEFT THE ROOM, WALKING LIKE A DEMI-GOD! HE WAS SO CONFIDENT, SO SURE, SO MAGNIFICENT!
AND WHEN THE MOMENT CAME FOR ME TO BE WHEELED INTO SURGERY, MY EYES NEVER LEFT HIS FACE, AS HE WALKED THRU THE LONG CORRIDOR, AT MY SIDE!
HIS FACE IS LIKE A PAINTING--HIS CHIN IS SO STRONG, HIS BROW SO NOBLE! AND HIS EYES--THEY'RE SO TENDER--SO WARM...
I GUESS THIS IS IT!
YES, FRAN!
TELL ME YOU AREN'T AFRAID, MY DEAR!
KEN...
AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE...
I COULDN'T BE...
...AFRAID!
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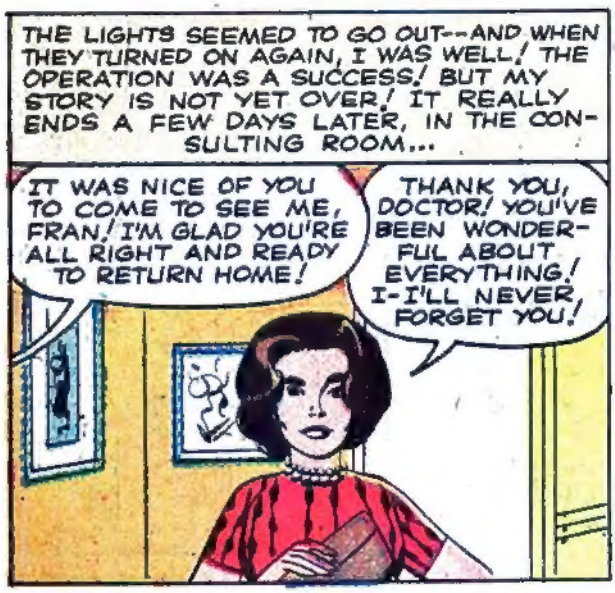
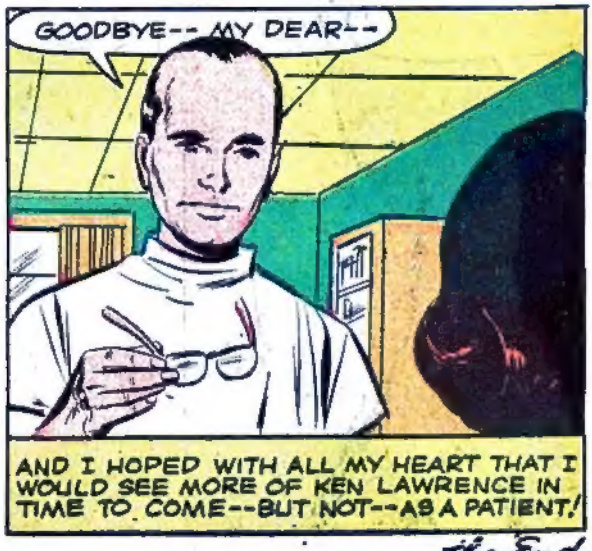
AS THE ANESTHETIC WAS PLACED OVER MY FACE--THE LAST THING I SAW WAS KEN --HANDSOME KEN-- WONDERFUL KEN-- STANDING OVER ME--WATCHING ME--

--PROTECTING ME-- SAVING ME--WITH MY LIFE IN HIS HANDS...


THE LIGHTS SEEMED TO GO OUT--AND WHEN THEY TURNED ON AGAIN, I WAS WELL! THE OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS! BUT MY STORY IS NOT YET OVER! IT REALLY ENDS A FEW DAYS LATER, IN THE CONSULTING ROOM...
IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO COME TO SEE ME, FRAN! I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT AND READY TO RETURN HOME!
THANK YOU, DOCTOR! YOU'VE BEEN WONDERFUL ABOUT EVERYTHING! I-I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!

DON'T FEEL GUILTY ABOUT THAT LITTLE CRUSH YOU SEEMED TO HAVE ON ME, FRAN! IT HAPPENS OFTEN, JUST BEFORE AN OPERATION! A YOUNG GIRL SOMETIMES OVER-DRAMATIZES THE FACT THAT HER LIFE IS IN A SURGEON'S HANDS, AND GIVES HIM QUALITIES OF GLAMOR THAT HE REALLY DOESN'T POSSESS...
I-I UNDERSTAND! GOODBYE, DOCTOR...

AND AS I LEFT DR. KENNETH LAWRENCE, I REALIZED HOW A GIRL **CAN** GLAMORIZE A MAN WHEN HER EMOTIONS ARE INVOLVED! I SAW HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME AS HE REALLY **WAS**... AND I KNEW THEN THAT A MAN DOESN'T **HAVE** TO BE A STORY-BOOK HERO TO BE WONDERFUL!


GOODBYE-- MY DEAR--
AND I HOPED WITH ALL MY HEART THAT I WOULD SEE MORE OF KEN LAWRENCE IN TIME TO COME--BUT NOT--AS A PATIENT!

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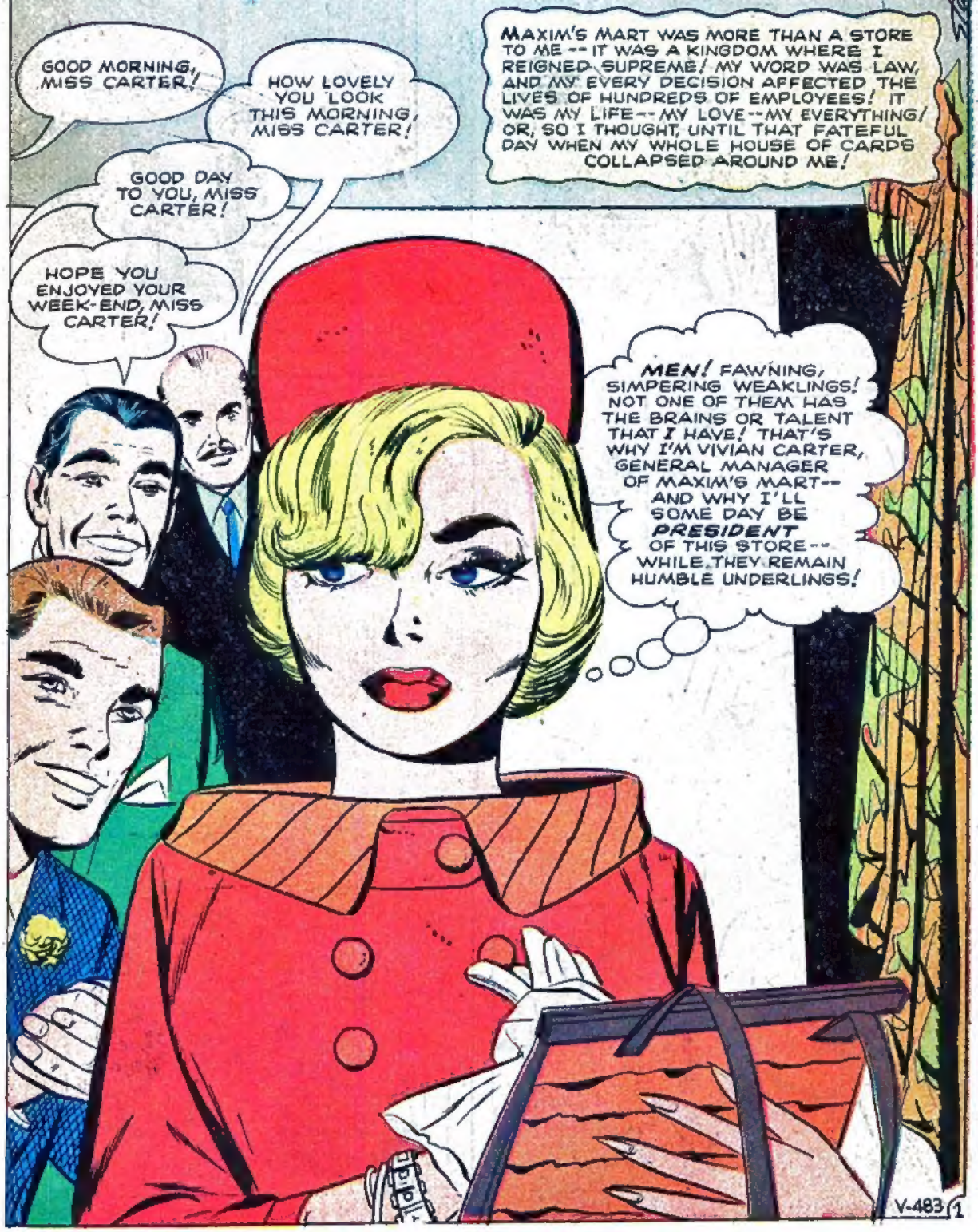
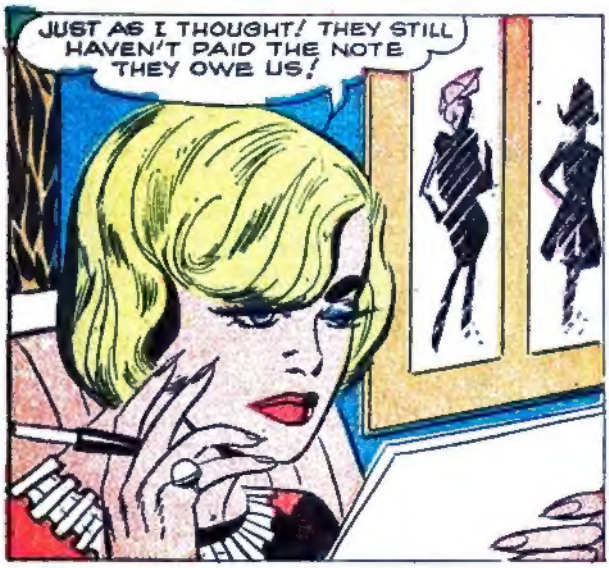
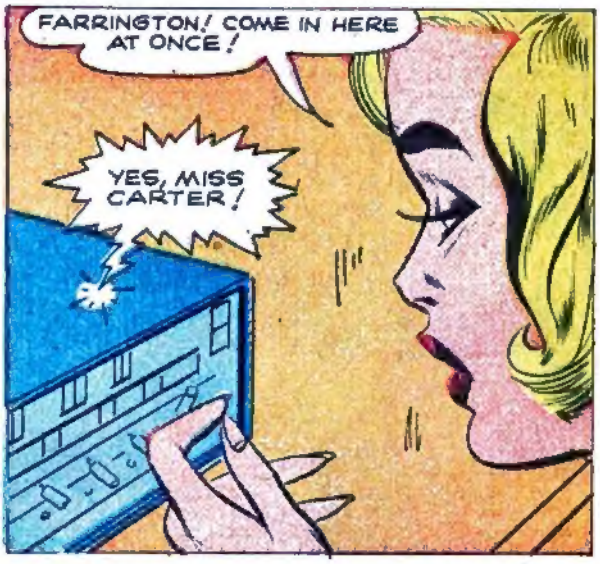
LITTLE GIRL

STAN LEE & J. KIRBY


GOOD MORNING, MISS CARTER!
HOW LOVELY YOU LOOK THIS MORNING, MISS CARTER!
GOOD DAY TO YOU, MISS CARTER!
HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR WEEK-END, MISS CARTER!
MAXIM'S MART WAS MORE THAN A STORE TO ME -- IT WAS A KINGDOM WHERE I REIGNED SUPREME! MY WORD WAS LAW, AND MY EVERY DECISION AFFECTED THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF EMPLOYEES! IT WAS MY LIFE -- MY LOVE -- MY EVERYTHING! OR, SO I THOUGHT, UNTIL THAT FATEFUL DAY WHEN MY WHOLE HOUSE OF CARDS COLLAPSED AROUND ME!
MEN! FAWNING, SIMPERING WEAKLINGS! NOT ONE OF THEM HAS THE BRAINS OR TALENT THAT I HAVE! THAT'S WHY I'M VIVIAN CARTER, GENERAL MANAGER OF MAXIM'S MART -- AND WHY I'LL SOME DAY BE PRESIDENT OF THIS STORE -- WHILE THEY REMAIN HUMBLE UNDERLINGS!

REACHING MY OFFICE, I ALMOST CEASED BEING A WOMAN! I BECAME A MACHINE--A COMPETENT, CALCULATING, RUTHLESS MACHINE!
GOOD MORNING, MISS CARTER!
GET ME THE FILE ON WONDER WOVEN SUITS--IMMEDIATELY!





CALL WONDER WOVEN AND TELL THEM IF THEY DON'T PAY OUR NOTE BY TONIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO SUE THEM!
BUT MISS CARTER, I'M SURE THEY'RE GOOD FOR THE MONEY! IF WE CAN JUST GIVE THEM A LITTLE MORE TIME...

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MISS CARTER, IF YOU DON'T MIND MY SAYING SO, YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD LATELY ... WITHOUT A VACATION!... MAYBE IF YOU UNWOUND JUST A BIT ...
I-I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D CARE TO HAVE DINNER WITH ME TONIGHT?
ME? HAVE DINNER WITH YOU? OH, THAT'S PRICELESS!
IT'S TAKEN YOU MONTHS TO GET UP ENOUGH NERVE TO ASK ME, HASN'T IT?
WELL, I--I --I HOPE YOU'RE NOT OFFENDED...
OFFENDED? CAN A MOUSE OFFEND A QUEEN? JUST GET BACK TO WORK AND FORGET IT! IT'S THE BEST LAUGH I'VE HAD ALL WEEK!
BUT WHEN THE DOOR CLOSED BEHIND HIM, AND I WAS ALONE IN MY OFFICE, I WAS LAUGHING NO LONGER ...
WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME? WHY AM I SO ARROGANT -- SO CRUEL? WHY MUST I DOMINATE EVERYONE I MEET?
EVERYWHERE I'M SURROUNDED BY ROMANCE, BUT NONE OF IT TOUCHES ME! NO MAN'S VOICE CAN COMMAND ME-- NO MAN'S TOUCH CAN THRILL ME...
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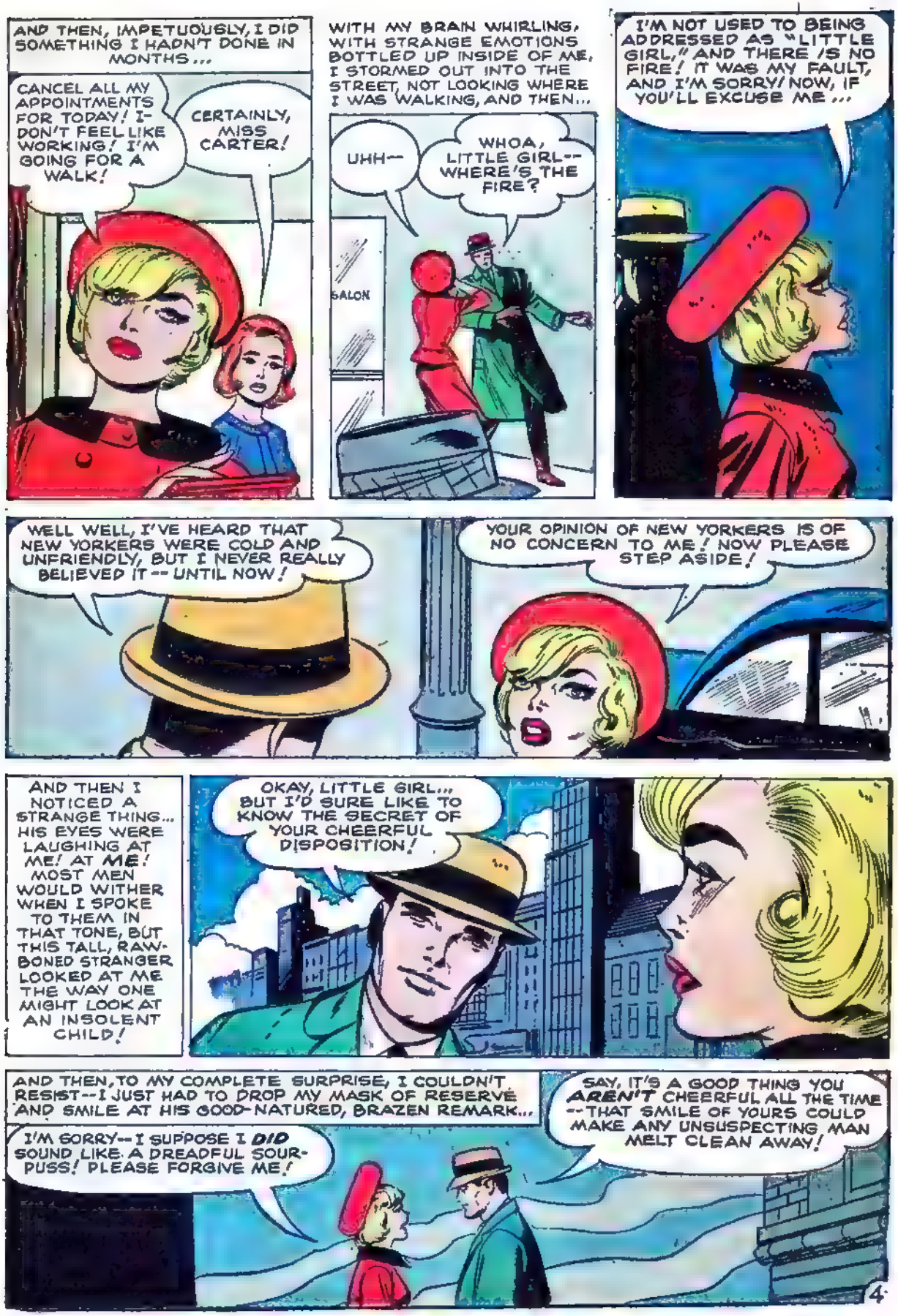
AND THEN, IMPETUOUSLY, I DID SOMETHING I HADN'T DONE IN MONTHS...
CANCEL ALL MY APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY! I-DON'T FEEL LIKE WORKING! I'M GOING FOR A WALK!
CERTAINLY, MISS CARTER!
WITH MY BRAIN WHIRLING, WITH STRANGE EMOTIONS BOTTLED UP INSIDE OF ME, I STORMED OUT INTO THE STREET, NOT LOOKING WHERE I WAS WALKING, AND THEN...
UHH--
WHOA, LITTLE GIRL-- WHERE'S THE FIRE?
SALON
I'M NOT USED TO BEING ADDRESSED AS "LITTLE GIRL," AND THERE IS NO FIRE! IT WAS MY FAULT, AND I'M SORRY NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
WELL WELL, I'VE HEARD THAT NEW YORKERS WERE COLD AND UNFRIENDLY, BUT I NEVER REALLY BELIEVED IT -- UNTIL NOW!
YOUR OPINION OF NEW YORKERS IS OF NO CONCERN TO ME! NOW PLEASE STEP ASIDE!
AND THEN I NOTICED A STRANGE THING... HIS EYES WERE LAUGHING AT ME! AT ME! MOST MEN WOULD WITHER WHEN I SPOKE TO THEM IN THAT TONE, BUT THIS TALL, RAW-BONED STRANGER LOOKED AT ME THE WAY ONE MIGHT LOOK AT AN INSOLENT CHILD!
OKAY, LITTLE GIRL... BUT I'D SURE LIKE TO KNOW THE SECRET OF YOUR CHEERFUL DISPOSITION!
AND THEN, TO MY COMPLETE SURPRISE, I COULDN'T RESIST -- I JUST HAD TO DROP MY MASK OF RESERVE AND SMILE AT HIS GOOD-NATURED, BRAZEN REMARK...
I'M SORRY -- I SUPPOSE I DID SOUND LIKE A DREADFUL SOUR-PUSS! PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
SAY, IT'S A GOOD THING YOU AREN'T CHEERFUL ALL THE TIME -- THAT SMILE OF YOURS COULD MAKE ANY UNSUSPECTING MAN MELT CLEAN AWAY!

ONE WORD LED TO ANOTHER, AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, IN HIS EASY-GOING, CASUAL WAY HE SUGGESTED WE HAVE DINNER TOGETHER, AND FOR SOME STRANGE REASON, SAYING "YES" TO THIS TALL STRANGER WITH THE MOCKING EYES SEEMED TO BE THE MOST NATURAL THING IN THE WORLD TO DO!

I LIKE YOUR NAME--BRAD STEELE--IT SEEMS TO FIT YOU!

IT'S A GOOD THING IT DOES--I'VE BEEN WEARING IT FOR YEARS!

BUT TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF, LITTLE GIRL!

THERE WAS THAT SILLY PHRASE "LITTLE GIRL" AGAIN, AND YET, THE WAY HE SAID IT, IT SOMEHOW DIDN'T SOUND BAD... IN FACT, I WAS GROWING TO LIKE IT!

I'M GENERAL MANAGER OF MAXIM'S MART--IT'S THE LARGEST FASHION STORE IN THE CITY...

THAT SO? BY THE WAY, DO YOU LIKE YOUR STEAK RARE OR MEDIUM?

I WAS ABSOLUTELY AMAZED! ANY OTHER MAN, HEARING WHO I WAS, WOULD HAVE BEEN SO IMPRESSED THAT HIS ENTIRE TONE OF VOICE WOULD HAVE CHANGED--I'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN A HUNDRED TIMES IN THE PAST! BUT BRAD--HE COULDN'T HAVE CARED LESS! SOMEHOW, I COULDN'T DROP THE SUBJECT...

I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT I'M ONE OF THE HIGHEST PAID EXECUTIVES IN THE ENTIRE STATE...

YEAH...THAT SURE IS A SHAME...

A SHAME ??

SURE! IT'S THE SAME OLD STORY! A GAL GETS SO IMPRESSED WITH HER CAREER THAT IT BEGINS TO REPLACE ROMANCE IN HER LIFE! AND, THE BIGGER THE JOB, THE MORE SHE FEELS MARRIED TO IT!

WELL, OF ALL THE RIDICULOUS THINGS I'VE EVER HEARD! I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW--

FORGET IT, LITTLE GIRL--LET'S DANCE!

IT WAS INCREDIBLE--UNBELIEVABLE! I ACTUALLY *FELT* LIKE A LITTLE GIRL WITH BRAD STEELE! *HE* DOMINATED THE CONVERSATION, *HE* GAVE THE ORDERS! AND IN MY HEART OF HEARTS I KNEW--I *ADORED* IT!!

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, BRAD...

YOU CAN HAVE THEM *FREE*, VIV! I WAS THINKING I'D LIKE TO PUT YOU IN MY POCKET AND TAKE YOU AWAY WITH ME!

I'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN IN MOVIES -- IN BOOKS -- BUT IT WAS NOW HAPPENING TO ME! -- TO VIVIAN CARTER! I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE -- WITH THE SUDDEN FURY AND WONDER OF A SUMMER STORM!

OH, BRAD...

DON'T TALK, LITTLE GIRL... JUST STAY IN MY ARMS!

BEFORE I KNEW IT, HE WAS TAKING ME HOME, AS WE PLANNED THE FUTURE RAPTUROUSLY -- *OUR* FUTURE!

I MAY NOT BE THE RICHEST ENGINEER IN THE WORLD, HONEY, BUT IT'S INTERESTING WORK! AND YOU'LL ENJOY TRAVELLING AROUND THE COUNTRY WITH ME -- AS MRS. BRAD STEELE!

TRAVELLING? IT - IT'S *IMPOSSIBLE!*

I COULDN'T LEAVE MY JOB, BRAD! I NEVER FOR A MOMENT THOUGHT YOU'D WANT ME TO!

THEN I WAS RIGHT! IT'S HAPPENED TO *YOU*, TOO! IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME NOW! YOU'RE MARRIED TO YOUR CAREER! I - I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS ALL TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

BRAD, DON'T YOU SEE? IT ISN'T JUST A CAREER -- IT'S MY WHOLE LIFE! YOU CAN'T ASK SOMEONE TO GIVE UP PART OF HER LIFE -- HER DREAMS! THAT JOB IS MINE! *IT'S ME!* IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD!

BUT THIS WAS NO MAN TO TWIRL AROUND MY LITTLE FINGER! THIS WAS NO WEAK, MEWLING MALE WHO WOULD EVER BE AT MY BECK AND CALL! NO, THIS WAS BRAD STEELE, AND, AS WE SAID GOODBYE, HE GAVE ME ONE LAST CHANCE!

I LOVE YOU, LITTLE GIRL -- BUT I CAN'T FIGHT MAXIM'S MART! MY PLANE LEAVES AT ELEVEN! I HOPE YOU'LL BE THERE -- BUT IF YOU'RE NOT, THANKS! THANKS FOR WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN!

WHY? WHY MUST I GIVE UP THE ONE MAN I'VE EVER LOVED? THE ONLY MAN I COULD EVER RESPECT! IT ISN'T FAIR... (SOB!)...IT ISN'T FAIR...

SLEEP WAS A STRANGER TO ME THAT NIGHT! I COULDN'T WAIT TILL THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN I COULD RETURN TO MAXIMS--TO THE WORLD I KNEW--TO THE WORLD WHERE I BELONGED!
IF I COULD ONLY GET HIS EYES OUT OF MY MEMORY...HIS VOICE OUT OF MY HEART...
EVERYTHING WAS AS IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN--THE RESPECTFUL GREETINGS--THE EXPRESSIONLESS FACES--THE BUZZ OF ACTIVITY...
VIVIAN CARTER PRIVATE
I STUDIED MY OFFICE--EXPENSIVE, IMPOSING--THE THING I HAD STRUGGLED ALL MY LIFE TO ATTAIN!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MISS CARTER?
AND I WONDERED--I TRIED TO IMAGINE HOW IT WOULD BE IN YEARS TO COME--ON THE LONELY EVENINGS--DURING THE BLEAK WINTERS--JUST ME--AND MY CAREER--AND THE OFFICE--THE ETERNAL OFFICE...
YES...
I'M ALL RIGHT...
SUDDENLY I KNEW! I DIDN'T WANT TO BE MARRIED TO A CAREER--TO AN OFFICE! I WANTED A MAN! A SPECIAL MAN! A MAN NAMED BRAD STEELE! I WANTED, MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD, TO HEAR HIM ONCE AGAIN CALL ME!
PLEASE GOD, LET ME BE IN TIME!
BRAD--BRAD--
BRAD, MY DARLING!
I'VE BEEN PRAYING YOU'D COME...
...LITTLE GIRL!
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...AND SO WE MEET!
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THIS IS YOUR STATION, MISS SAWYER... GLENVILLE! MAY I TAKE YOUR BAGS?
NO! I-I'M NOT SURE! WAIT JUST A MINUTE, PLEASE-- I'VE GOT TO THINK! I'VE GOT TO BE SURE!
Stan Lee - J. KIRBY
TAKEN FROM LIFE! A TALE AS TENDER AS A LOVER'S KISS
AND THEN IN MY MIND'S EYE, I SAW THE FACE OF WARREN GREGORY-- AND I KNEW I HAD COME TOO FAR NOW... THERE COULD BE NO TURNING BACK!
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IT MUST BE DONE! THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!
I LEFT MY BAGS IN THE CHECK ROOM, AND SUMMONING UP ALL MY COURAGE, DECIDED TO WALK THRU THE STREETS OF TOWN...
TO ANYBODY ELSE, THIS WOULD BE AN AVERAGE, PEACEFUL TOWN, FULL OF ORDINARY, AVERAGE PEOPLE...
BUT TO ME, IT'S WHERE WARREN GREGORY LIVES!
TO ME, IT'S THE MOST FRIGHTENING PLACE ON EARTH!
I COULDN'T DO IT! I KNEW MY NERVE WAS FAILING FAST! PERHAPS--PERHAPS IF I STOPPED FOR A SANDWICH FIRST--ANYTHING TO DELAY THAT FINAL MOMENT...
THIS WILL GIVE ME ANOTHER FEW MINUTES--TO THINK--TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER--
. AND THEN...
OH NO! NO! IT--IT'S HIM!
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WARREN!!
HE'S GETTING UP!
HE'S COMING OVER TO ME! WHAT WILL I DO? WHAT WILL I SAY?
HELLO, SUSAN.
HELLO... WARREN.
THERE! IT WAS OVER! WE HAD MET! FROM NOW ON IT COULDN'T BE SO DIFFICULT-- COULD IT? COULD IT??
MAY I SIT DOWN?
PLEASE DO...
AT FIRST, OUR CONVERSATION WAS BANAL, SHALLOW-- WE SAID NOTHING THAT MATTERED --NOTHING THAT HAD TO BE SAID.
IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU, SUSAN.
YOU'RE LOOKING WELL.
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THIS CAN'T GO ON! I'LL HAVE TO TELL HIM SOONER OR LATER! I'LL HAVE TO DO WHAT I CAME HERE TO DO!
BUT WHAT WILL HE SAY WHEN I TELL HIM?? WHERE--WHERE WILL I EVER FIND THE COURAGE TO GO THRU WITH IT??
WELL, SUSAN, I SUPPOSE I'D BETTER BE LEAVING!
IT WAS NICE SEEING YOU.
THANK YOU, WARREN. IT WAS NICE SEEING YOU, TOO.
I COULDN'T DO IT! I SIMPLY COULDN'T TELL HIM! I WAS TOO WEAK--TOO COWARDLY!
NOW, I CAN EITHER SLINK OUT OF TOWN, NEVER HAVING DONE WHAT MUST BE DONE...OR...
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OR I CAN TRY TO MEET HIM AGAIN--AND GO THRU THE SAME ORDEAL--THE SAME TORTURE--UNTIL IT'S DONE!
SLOWLY, HESITANTLY, I WALKED PAST HIS HOUSE, STILL TRYING TO SUMMON UP THE COURAGE I NEEDED...
THIS IS THE MOMENT! EITHER I WALK UP THE PATH TO THE FRONT DOOR AND RING THE BELL, OR ELSE THE CHAPTER ENDS... FOREVER!
I MUST
I MUST!
AND THEN, AT THE END OF THE LONGEST WALK I HAD EVER TAKEN IN MY LIFE, I PRESSED THE BUZZER!
THERE! NOW THERE CAN BE NO TURNING BACK!
I HEAR HIS FOOTSTEPS! HE'S COMING! OH, MERCIFUL HEAVEN, WHAT WILL HE SAY WHEN I TELL HIM? WHAT WILL HE SAY?
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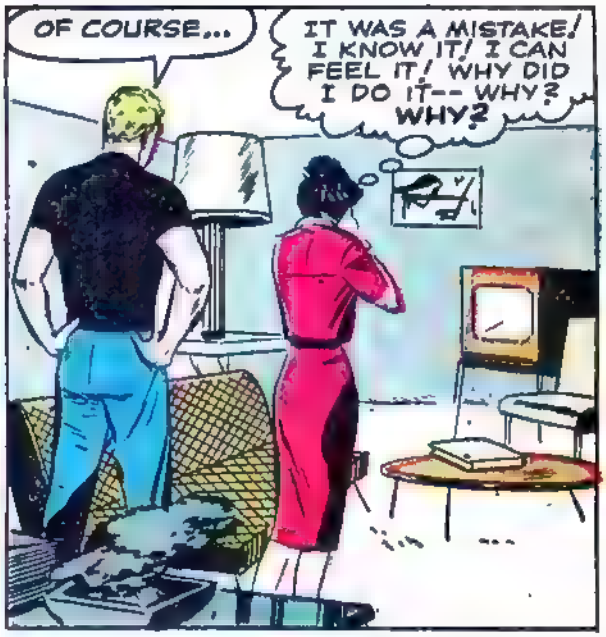
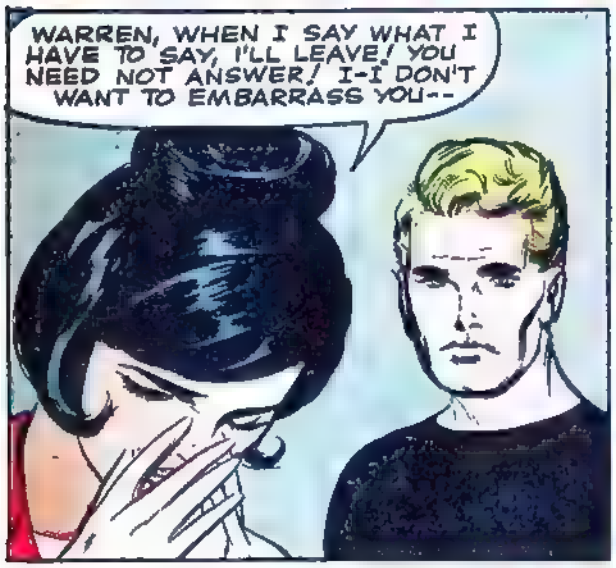
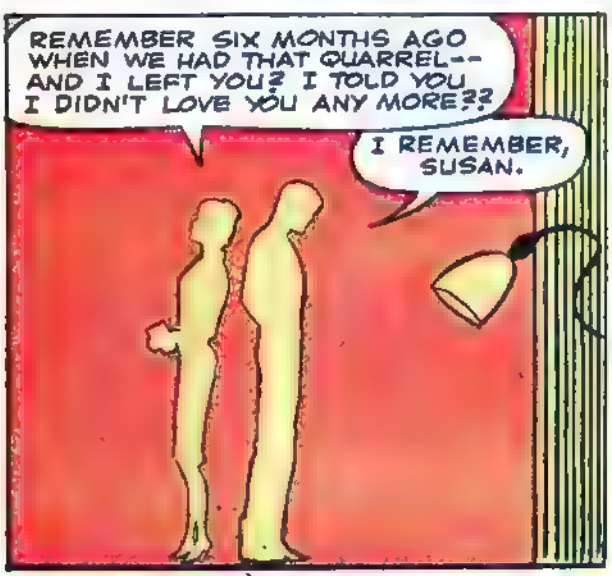
SUSAN! I-I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU!
MAY I COME IN, WARREN? THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU.


OF COURSE...
IT WAS A MISTAKE! I KNOW IT! I CAN FEEL IT! WHY DID I DO IT-- WHY? WHY?


WARREN, WHEN I SAY WHAT I HAVE TO SAY, I'LL LEAVE! YOU NEED NOT ANSWER! I-I DON'T WANT TO EMBARRASS YOU--

SUSAN, IF YOU FEEL THAT...
NO, DON'T INTERRUPT! THIS IS DIFFICULT! THE MOST DIFFICULT THING I'VE EVER DONE IN MY LIFE! BUT I MUST DO IT--I MUST!


REMEMBER SIX MONTHS AGO WHEN WE HAD THAT QUARREL-- AND I LEFT YOU? I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T LOVE YOU ANY MORE??
I REMEMBER, SUSAN.

YOU TOLD ME IF I WALKED OUT THE DOOR, I SHOULD NEVER COME BACK, REMEMBER?
YES...
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WELL, I WAS WRONG! I DID LOVE YOU! I REALIZED IT THAT FIRST NIGHT AWAY FROM YOU! I WANTED TO RUSH BACK--TO THROW MYSELF IN YOUR ARMS--TO BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS--BUT MY FOOLISH PRIDE WOULDN'T LET ME!
I LOVED YOU THEN! I LOVE YOU NOW! I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!
NOW DON'T SPEAK! DON'T SAY ANYTHING! I'LL LEAVE--BUT I HAD TO TELL YOU--. NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS, I HAD TO TELL YOU.
SUE!
WAIT!
SUE-- MY DEAREST! HOW I PRAYED I'D HEAR YOU SAY THAT!! I WANTED TO CUT MY TONGUE OUT FOR HAVING SAID WHAT I DID--I WANTED TO FOLLOW YOU--TO DRAG YOU BACK--BUT MY PRIDE, TOO, MADE ME STAY AND WAIT--WHILE MY HEART DIED WITHIN ME!
MY BELOVED--WHEN I THINK HOW FRIGHTENED I WAS--HOW UNSURE--
DON'T TALK, DEAREST! YOU'RE HOME AGAIN! THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT--THAT'S ALL THAT EVER MATTERS!
...I'M HOME AGAIN!
The End
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MY OWN TRUE LOVE

"MR CARYLE will see you in just a few moments, Miss Lewis. Won't you be seated?"

Plush was just the word for the reception room . . . thick burgundy-colored carpeting . . . bright red and black hangings dramatically draped the high windows. Red and black cushions sat lazily on the comfortable couch where Laura Lewis waited impatiently to see Mr. Caryle. The name Caryle was to the advertising business what J. P. Morgan is to the banking business. The thought of being secretary to Mr. Caryle was very exciting. The possibility of it ever becoming a reality seemed far-fetched to Laura, but she had nothing to lose by being interviewed, and so she sat and waited. Each moment seemed like an hour . . . she watched the pendulum on the huge grandfather clock swing back forth, and she counted the minutes as they ticked by. Suddenly the room filled with the sound of his voice coming over the inter-com . . . "Show Miss Lewis in, please."

With a fleeting glance in the mirror, she adjusted her hat, patted the loose hairs in place, and walked in to his office. His relaxing manner put Laura at ease immediately, and for the rest of the afternoon she and Kenneth Caryle enjoyed each other's company. Interviews can sometimes be short, cold and right to the point . . . you're hired or not. This interview was different. Laura's background was discussed for a while, the type of business was explained, and then the remaining time was devoted to idle conversation. Laura had almost forgotten why she was there . . . all she was conscious of was that this man was completely charming.

The door opened and the receptionist came in to say good night. "Before you leave, Gladys," he said, "I'd like you to meet Laura Lewis . . . my new secretary."

Laura dressed with particular care the next morning and arrived at her new office bright and early. She could think of no nicer way to begin a day than to say good morning to Mr. Caryle, and when he greeted her, it seemed as if it was more than the greetings secretaries usually receive. The first day wasn't disappointing . . . it wasn't a matter of a quick crush and then a change of heart once you spend a whole day with a man. She was more excited about him than the day before. The only bad feature was that she couldn't concentrate on her work, when he was near her. When he smiled at her, she felt the blood rush to her cheeks, and she hoped that he didn't notice the change in color. "He must be used to secretaries getting crushes on him . . . I want him to think I'm different," she thought.

Everything went along fine the first week. Mr. Caryle had told her that he was very satisfied with her work, and she wondered if he could also be satisfied with her as a date. She wondered if he was the type who never mixed business with pleasure, and then, on Friday afternoon, she no longer had to wonder. She answered the telephone, and a woman's voice asked for Mr. Caryle. "Who is calling him, please?" Laura asked.

"Mrs. Caryle," the woman answered.

Hopes, dreams, secret expectancies vanished, and only disappointment remained. She finally consoled herself by thinking that it was just as well he's married . . . romance and business sometimes don't mix too well anyway.

Friendliness, warmth and those very special hellos did not cease . . . as a matter of fact, they seemed to increase. Laura had just about resigned herself that she was the nine-to-five woman in his life, when one evening as she was about to leave, she heard him call her. "Say, Laura, if you don't have any plans for tonight, why don't you join me for dinner? Bachelors' dinner hours can become very lonely at times."

"*Bachelor,*" she said. "Did I hear you say bachelor, Mr. Caryle?"

"Why, yes . . . you seem surprised, Laura. May I ask why?"

For a moment Laura was embarrassed, and when she got over that, she answered the question. "Several times I put through calls from Mrs. Caryle. Naturally, Mr. Caryle, I assumed her to be your wife."

He laughed and replied, "I guess I should have told you . . . Mrs. Caryle is my sister-in-law

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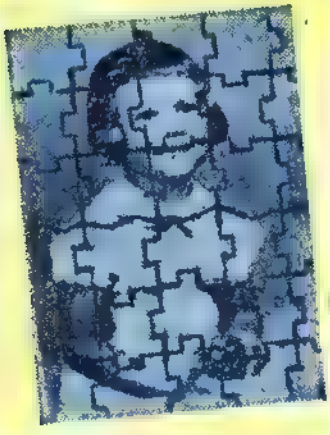

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. . . my brother's wife. I'm still foot-loose and fancy free! Back to my original invitation . . . how about it?"

"You don't have to ask twice," she said. My hat is already on." They were about to go into a lovely restaurant right near the building, when suddenly, Ken stopped walking. "The food here is really fine, Laura, but I know that I'll have to share you with all my business acquaintances . . . I'd like our first evening together to be ours alone."

It was only when they stepped into a taxi that Laura was certain this wasn't a dream. Ken directed the driver to a small intimate restaurant on the other side of town. Somehow, neither Ken nor Laura had the feeling of this being a first date. As a matter of fact, they felt as though they were long-time sweethearts. When they were greeted by the manager, they smiled at him, and then at each other. It was a telling kind of smile . . . the kind that seems to say, "isn't it wonderful to be in love?" It didn't take very long for those thoughts to be expressed by more than a twinkle of the eye, or the curve of a smiling mouth. At the end of a very delightful evening, Ken Caryle held his secretary in his arms, and they confessed their love . . . but it was now Ken and Laura . . . the "Mr. Caryle" stage now being in the past. "I feel very much like someone who has the power to see into the future," Ken said. "When you first walked into my office, a little voice inside of me said, 'Ken . . . this is the girl for you,' and you know, darling, that voice was right. I'll go one step further and say, we're for each other."

Overly anxious to see Ken the next morning, Laura awoke one hour earlier than when her alarm clock usually awakened her. Arriving at the office long before anyone else would be there, she asked the superintendent to let her in. "The door is already open, Miss," he said. "Mr. Caryle arrived early this morning too." Excitement filled her . . . she opened the door and there he was, waiting at her desk. The sweet and loving kiss on the cheek was a perfectly marvelous way to begin the day. All through the day, they passed secret glances to each other . . . the time didn't pass quickly enough to suit Caryle and Laura, for they wanted to be alone . . . to be happy with the knowledge of each other's love.

Everything was wonderful for

one whole month. But the beautiful world in which Laura was living became dreary . . . lonely. It happened on the afternoon that Mrs. Caryle came up to the office. While she waited to see Ken, she and Laura chatted casually. Laura was busy thinking that perhaps someday they would be sisters-in-law, when Mrs. Caryle went to her bag for a cigarette, and accidentally dropped everything from her bag to the floor. Eager to be helpful, Laura bent down to gather the contents. Something captured her eyes . . . they held fast to a photograph of Kenneth Caryle, and then when her eyes filled with tears, she politely excused herself.

"This woman is Ken's wife . . ." Over and over again, the words raced through her mind, and with no word of explanation, she walked out of the office, wanting never again to look at the face of the man she had fallen in love with. Not to face him would be the least painful way, she decided, and so she quickly went home, packed a few things, and went to her aunt's home in the country. She left no forwarding address . . . nothing . . . there would be no way for him to reach her. This would be the best way to forget that he was ever a part of her life.

Forgetting isn't as easy as you think it will be. This Laura found out during the two unhappy weeks away. Everything reminded her of him. It was difficult for Laura to believe that so wonderful a person as Ken could be so deceitful, but the photograph she had seen with her own eyes was too certain a thing to dismiss. These two eyes that had brought about her sorrow, however, were the very same eyes that turned this sorrow to extreme happiness.

Seeking things to take her mind off Ken, she sat watching a quiz show on television. Two guests appeared on the screen . . . twins . . . identical . . . names . . . Donald and Kenneth Caryle. Suddenly, the world once again became a place of beauty. Mrs. Caryle . . . Mrs. *Donald* Caryle, of course . . . what a fool she had been to have ever doubted Ken's love and his sincerity. It didn't take her more than a few hours to be back in his arms where she belonged. He told her he had a hunch she might watch the show, and so he arranged to be a guest. His hunch paid off. "Love has a way of solving things," he said. He smiled . . . she nodded in agreement . . . they kissed!

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MILLIE!!
OH, MOM! IT--IT HAPPENED AGAIN! SOB
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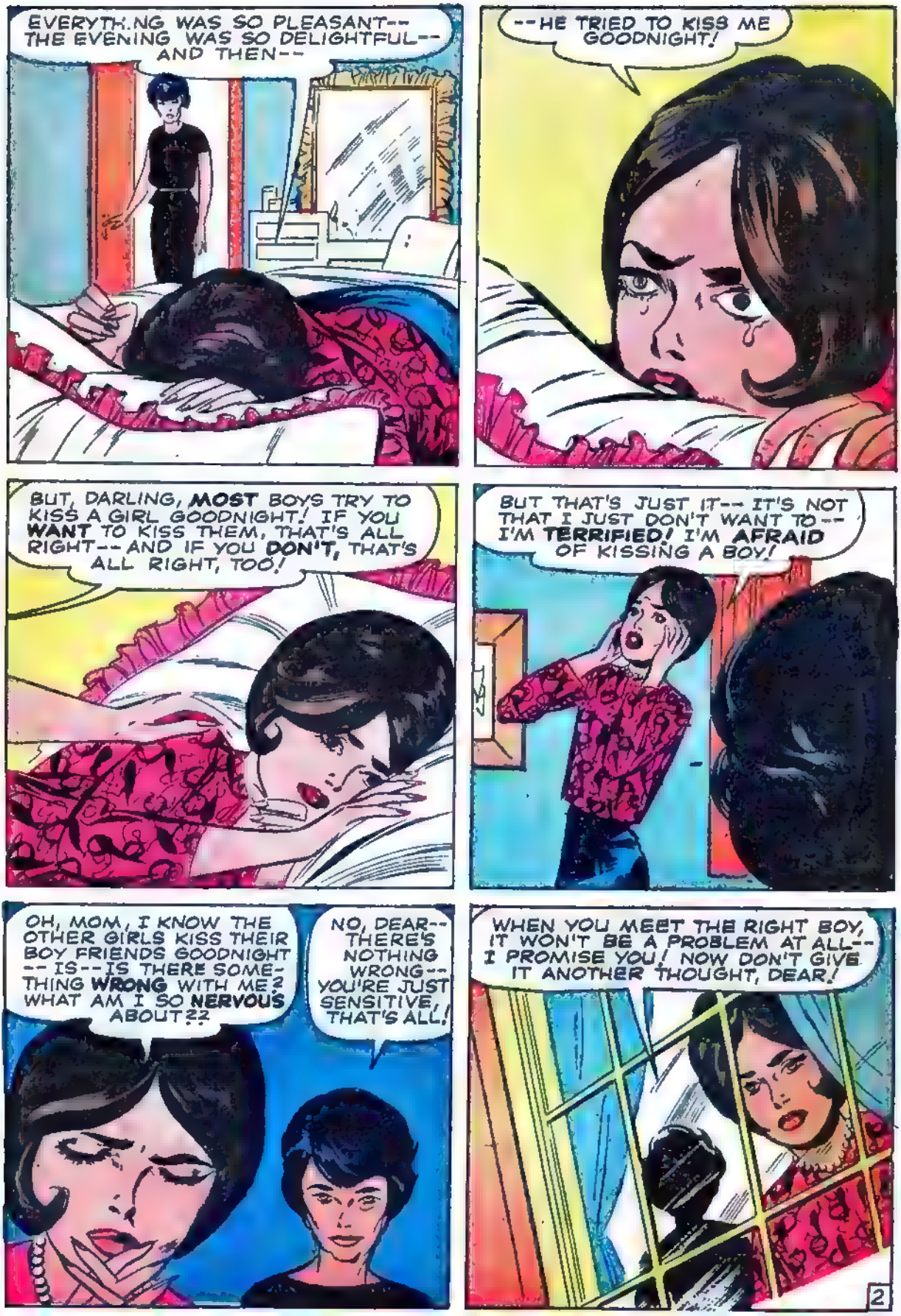
EVERYTH.NG WAS SO PLEASANT-- THE EVENING WAS SO DELIGHTFUL-- AND THEN--
--HE TRIED TO KISS ME GOODNIGHT!
BUT, DARLING, MOST BOYS TRY TO KISS A GIRL GOODNIGHT! IF YOU WANT TO KISS THEM, THAT'S ALL RIGHT-- AND IF YOU DON'T, THAT'S ALL RIGHT, TOO!
BUT THAT'S JUST IT-- IT'S NOT THAT I JUST DON'T WANT TO-- I'M TERRIFIED! I'M AFRAID OF KISSING A BOY!
OH, MOM, I KNOW THE OTHER GIRLS KISS THEIR BOY FRIENDS GOODNIGHT -- IS--IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME? WHAT AM I SO NERVOUS ABOUT??
NO, DEAR-- THERE'S NOTHING WRONG-- YOU'RE JUST SENSITIVE, THAT'S ALL!
WHEN YOU MEET THE RIGHT BOY, IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM AT ALL-- I PROMISE YOU! NOW DON'T GIVE IT ANOTHER THOUGHT, DEAR!

I KNOW THAT MOM MEANT WELL WHEN SHE SAID, "DON'T GIVE IT ANOTHER THOUGHT" BUT IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, IT WAS NEVER OUT OF MY MIND...
MUST YOU GO SO SOON, MILLIE? I-I THOUGHT WE MIGHT TAKE A WALK THRU THE PARK...
NO, I'M SORRY...
I REALLY MUST GO NOW--RIGHT NOW! GOOD-NIGHT!
IT DIDN'T MATTER WHO THE BOY WAS, OR WHERE WE WERE...
YOU'RE A SENSATIONAL DANCER, MILLIE!
THANK YOU, RALPH-- I'VE HEARD IT TAKES ONE TO TELL ONE!
BUT WE CAN'T DANCE ALL NIGHT LONG! SUPPOSE WE EXPLORE THE TERRACE FOR A WHILE?
THE TERRACE?
OH NO! I-I CAN'T!!
IT--IT'S LATE! I HAVE TO GO HOME! RIGHT NOW!
MILLIE...
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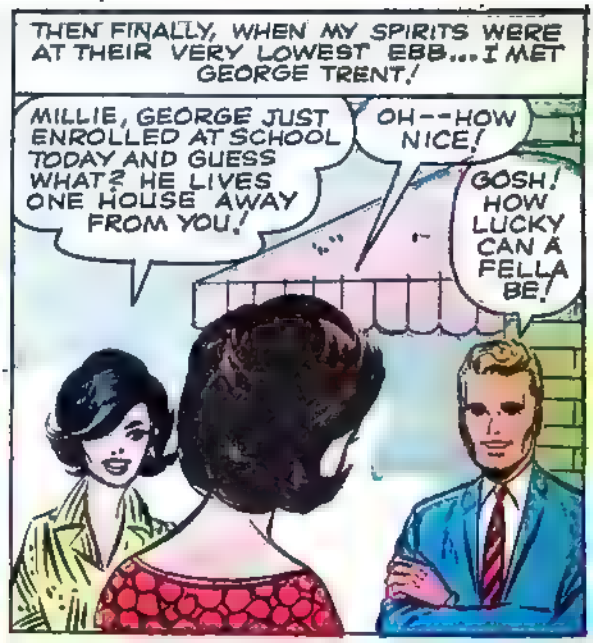
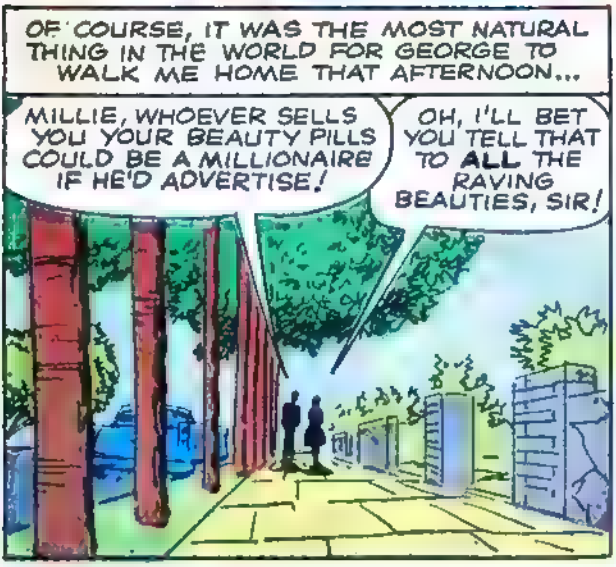
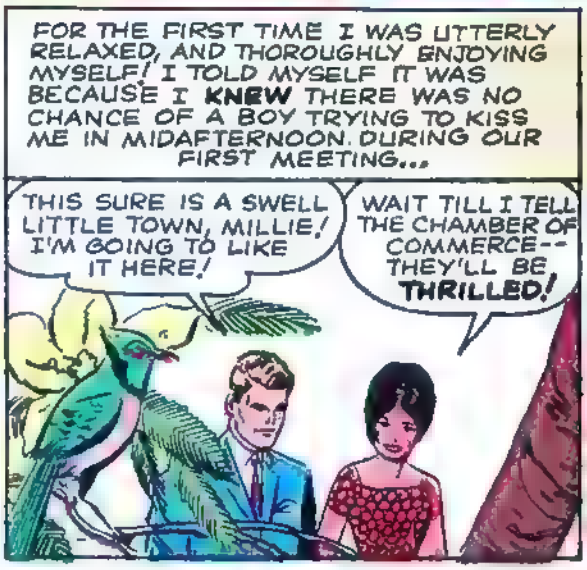
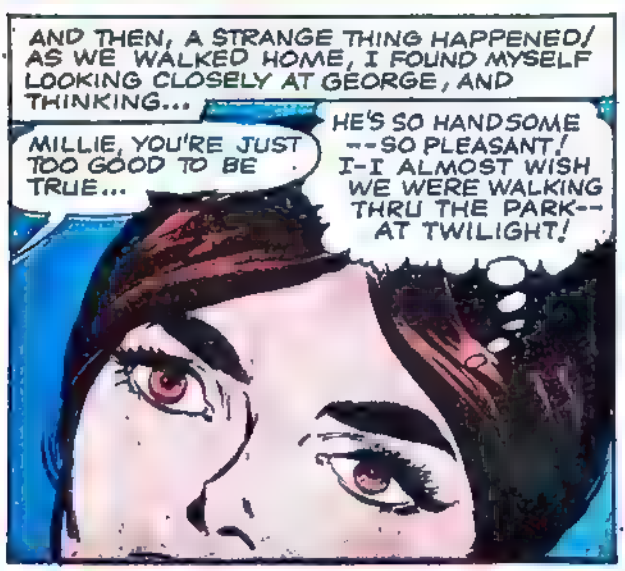
AFTER THAT, I DECIDED TO STOP DATING FOR A WHILE! THE STRAIN WAS TOO GREAT! THE STRAIN OF ALWAYS WAITING, WONDERING WHEN THE BOY I WAS WITH WOULD TRY TO KISS ME...
FRANK IS ON THE PHONE, DEAR...
TELL HIM I HAVE A HEADACHE, PLEASE, MOM! I-I'M JUST NOT IN THE MOOD TO SEE ANYONE!

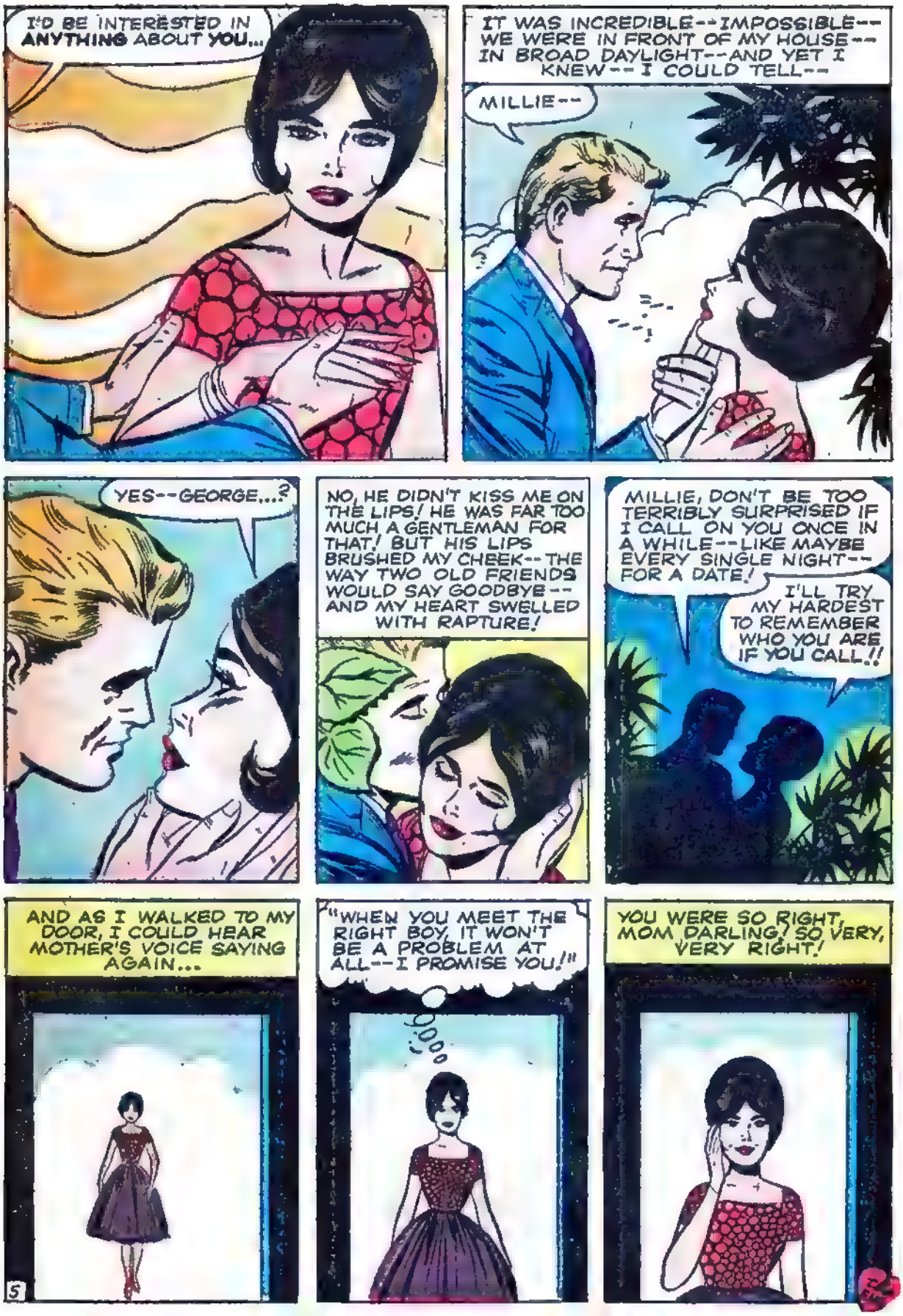

THEN FINALLY, WHEN MY SPIRITS WERE AT THEIR VERY LOWEST EBB... I MET GEORGE TRENT!
MILLIE, GEORGE JUST ENROLLED AT SCHOOL TODAY AND GUESS WHAT? HE LIVES ONE HOUSE AWAY FROM YOU!
OH--HOW NICE!
GOSH! HOW LUCKY CAN A FELLA BE!


OF COURSE, IT WAS THE MOST NATURAL THING IN THE WORLD FOR GEORGE TO WALK ME HOME THAT AFTERNOON...
MILLIE, WHOEVER SELLS YOU YOUR BEAUTY PILLS COULD BE A MILLIONAIRE IF HE'D ADVERTISE!
OH, I'LL BET YOU TELL THAT TO ALL THE RAVING BEAUTIES, SIR!


FOR THE FIRST TIME I WAS UTTERLY RELAXED, AND THOROUGHLY ENJOYING MYSELF! I TOLD MYSELF IT WAS BECAUSE I KNEW THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF A BOY TRYING TO KISS ME IN MIDAFTERNOON. DURING OUR FIRST MEETING...
THIS SURE IS A SWELL LITTLE TOWN, MILLIE! I'M GOING TO LIKE IT HERE!
WAIT TILL I TELL THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE--THEY'LL BE THRILLED!


AND THEN, A STRANGE THING HAPPENED! AS WE WALKED HOME, I FOUND MYSELF LOOKING CLOSELY AT GEORGE, AND THINKING...
MILLIE, YOU'RE JUST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...
HE'S SO HANDSOME --SO PLEASANT! I-I ALMOST WISH WE WERE WALKING THRU THE PARK--AT TWILIGHT!

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, GIRL! YOU HAVEN'T SAID A WORD FOR FIVE MINUTES!
MY THOUGHTS?!! OH, I DON'T THINK YOU'D BE INTERESTED!


I'D BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING ABOUT YOU...
IT WAS INCREDIBLE--IMPOSSIBLE--WE WERE IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE--IN BROAD DAYLIGHT--AND YET I KNEW--I COULD TELL--
MILLIE--
YES--GEORGE...?
NO, HE DIDN'T KISS ME ON THE LIPS! HE WAS FAR TOO MUCH A GENTLEMAN FOR THAT! BUT HIS LIPS BRUSHED MY CHEEK--THE WAY TWO OLD FRIENDS WOULD SAY GOODBYE--AND MY HEART SWELLED WITH RAPTURE!
MILLIE, DON'T BE TOO TERRIBLY SURPRISED IF I CALL ON YOU ONCE IN A WHILE--LIKE MAYBE EVERY SINGLE NIGHT--FOR A DATE!
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